



Downtown Parking Study

Summary

The Mayor's Mobility Task Force (MMTF) recommended in their Report to the Mayor, December 18, 1997, that a comprehensive parking vision and plan be implemented. The Citizens Planning Committee made a similar recommendation in their final report of September 1997. To implement these recommendations, consultants have assisted the City of Austin to develop a comprehensive study and parking management plan for the downtown area.

Status

The report will be formally presented to the City Council with the Downtown Access and Mobility Study and the Great Streets Program, along with staff recommendations for ordinance and/or policy change concerning the downtown core. This presentation will probably take place in fall of 2001.

Description

This project has developed a comprehensive study and suggested parking management scenarios for the Austin Downtown Area and certain adjacent areas: 11th and 12th Streets east of IH 35 to Chicon St. and S. Congress Avenue from Town Lake south to Oltorf St.

A Scope of Work was written with participation by the Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA) and the Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority. The study includes information on the location, size, fees, and policies for off-street parking facilities and curb parking located within the downtown area. A thorough review of current programs and government policies that affect downtown parking supply and demand was done. Estimates have been made of current demand for parking and projections will be made of parking demands over the next five years. The consultant has made recommendations for strategies and policies that could affect parking supply and demand. Travis County participated in the Parking Study to obtain detailed analysis and recommendations for a Travis County Parking Management Program.

Public participation was an important part of the project. WSA and City staff collaborated on community involvement efforts. A Parking Task Force was been organized as an advisory group for the Parking Study. It met every other month during the project, with the first meeting held on December 15, 1999. The Task Force includes representation of stakeholders from the three project study areas.

The report can be found on the web at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/downtown/draftparkingstudy.htm>

Basic Data

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